

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A Letter to the Official Draftsman is attached with proposed new drawings Figures 4-6.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 14 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Rogers et al. Claims 14-16 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by James et al. Claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over James. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogers. Claims 4, 6-13, 17 and 19-25 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

The features of modifying both the adhesion and the coercive binding have been introduced in independent claims 1 and 14. These features are taken from original allowable dependent claims 2, 8, 10 and 15, 21, 23 respectively. Therefore, independent claims 1 and 14 should now be considered allowable.

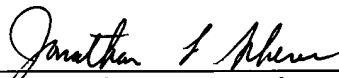
New figures 4-6 have been submitted in response to the drawing objection. The subject matter of claim 14 as described in the specification is shown in the drawings based upon a modification of original Figures 1-3.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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